

REMARKS

1. Correction of Status

Applicant is entitled to large entity status.

In the transmittal papers accompanying the as-filed present application dated June 27, 2003, the undersigned erroneously calculated the filing fees in the small entity column. However, it is believed all fees paid to date (the claim and related fees paid in response to the **NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS** and the extension fee paid in response to the same **NOTICE**) were paid as large entity fees.

However in the event the Office determines an additional fee is required, please charge the fee to the undersigned's deposit account, 04-0039 (ref 50534.1).

2. Petition for Extension of Time

A **PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**, PTO/SB/22, is included as part of this **AMENDMENT**. Enclosed is our check in payment of the associated extension fee of \$110.00 (and of the claim fees (see below)). Also, the PTO/SB/22 form authorizes charging any deficiency in the associated fees to the undersigned's deposit account 04-0039 (ref. 50534.1).

3. Fees for Claims (and Extension)

In the transmittal letter dated June 27, 2003, accompanying the present continuation application, claims 2, 5, 7-9, 11, 14 and 16 -51 were canceled, leaving claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 10, 12, 13 and 15, of which claims 1 and 10 were independent. In response to the **NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS**, applicant paid the large entity basic filing fee covering up to 20 claims total and a maximum of 3 independent claims.

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The present **AMENDMENT** involves the deletion of all original claims 2-51 (leaving original claim 1) and the addition of new claims 52-67. Claims 1, 52 and 54 are independent. Claims 58 - 67 are multiple independent. The claim dependencies are: 1; 52; 53/52; 54; 55/54; 56/54; 57/56; 58/52-53; 59/52-53; 60/54-57; 61/54-57; 62/52,54,57; 63/62; 64/62; 65/52,54,57; 66/52,54,57; and 67/52,54,57.

There are 37 claims total, including the multiple dependent claims, and 3 independent claims. The associated large entity fee due is \$596.00:

\$306.00	(\$18 x 17 claims in excess of 20)
<u>\$290.00</u>	(one or more multiple dependent claims)
\$596.00	total large entity fee for claims.

The above claim fees are calculated in the enclosed copy of form PTO/SB/17.

Enclosed is our check for \$706.00 in payment of the \$596.00 fee for claims and the \$110.00 extension fee. Please charge any underpayment in these fees and any additional fees and please credit any overpayment to the undersigned's deposit account, 04-0039 (ref. 50534.1).

4. Entry of Amendments

In the specification, the U.S. priority listing is updated and two changes required by the Office in the immediately preceding parent application are made in the present application.

In the drawings, reference numeral "21" is removed from several figures, as required by the Office in the immediately preceding parent application.

Remaining original claim 1 and new claims 52-67 are directed to one or more transmissions and one or more flat springs.

No new matter is added by the present **AMENDMENT**.

Granting of the Petition, acceptance of the fees, entry of the revisions, and entry of this **AMENDMENT** in its entirety are requested.

5. Response to 07/16/2004 Office Action/Restriction Requirement

The Office action dated 07/16/2004, indicated the application contains claims to two patentably distinct species: (1) transmissions which use coil springs, Figs. 5C, 10C and (2) transmissions which use flat springs, Fig. 13. The Office action also took the position there are six generic claims, nos. 1, 7, 10, 16, 37 and 38, required election of a single one of the identified species for prosecution, and indicated the claims shall be restricted to that elected species if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable.

Original Claims 2-51 have been canceled without prejudice. (As explained above, original claims 2, 5, 7-9, 11, 14 and 16 -51 were canceled at the time the present continuation application was filed, leaving claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 10, 12, 13 and 15. Effectively we are here canceling original claims 3, 4, 6, 10, 12, 13 and 15.)

Upon entry of this **AMENDMENT**, the claims in this application are/will be original claim 1 and newly added claims 52- 67. All claims 1 and 52-67 are directed to one or more transmissions and one or more flat springs. It is understood the claims are directed to a single species and the requirement to elect a single species thus is rendered moot.

Reconsideration of and withdrawal of the restriction requirement are believed proper and are requested. In the event election is required, however, claim 52 is elected.

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If the undersigned has misunderstood the requirement, the examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number listed below, so that the misunderstanding can be corrected.

6. Summary

Again, granting of the **PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** is requested; entry of this **AMENDMENT** is requested; and reconsideration and withdrawal of the 07/16/2004 restriction requirement are requested. Allowance of all claims 1 and 52-67 is requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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DRAWING AMENDMENTS

Enclosed are copies of Figures 13, 18, 19, 38, 39 and 40 (4 drawing sheets total) marked to indicate the deletion of reference numeral 21. These changes were required by the Office in the immediately preceding parent application. Approval and entry are requested.